



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/812,854	03/29/2004	Craig A. Webster	PAT-032A2	3445

29129 7590 02/19/2008  
MICHELLE A. ZARINELLI  
C/O WEST CORPORATION  
11808 MIRACLE HILLS DR.  
MAIL STOP: W11-LEGAL  
OMAHA, NE 68154

EXAMINER
----------

SAM, PHIRIN

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

2619

NOTIFICATION DATE	DELIVERY MODE
-------------------	---------------

02/19/2008

ELECTRONIC

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

MAZARINELLI@WEST.COM

# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/812,854

Applicant(s)

WEBSTER ET AL.

Examiner

Phirin Sam

Art Unit

2619

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33, 35-48 and 55-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 34 and 49-54 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



PHIRIN SAM  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Oath/Declaration*

1. The inventor, Mellissa A. Delong does not sign in the Oath/Declaration. Therefore, the appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27-33, 35-48, and 55-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,553,108 (hereinafter referred as “Felger”).

**Regarding claims 1, 36, 55, and 57-59**, Felger discloses a method of admitting at least one given conference call host into a given conference call (see Fig. 1), the method comprising at least the following:

- (a) receiving at least one request from the given conference call host for access to the given conference call (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33);
- (b) obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier associated with the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 37-48);
- (c) matching the data representing the at least one unique identifier with data representing at least one further identifier associated previously with the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 38-41);

Art Unit: 2619

(d) connecting the given conference call host directly to the given conference call (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 49-56).

**Regarding claims 2 and 37,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one communication from the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33).

**Regarding claims 3, 38, and 56,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving data indicating that the given conference call host is requesting access to the given conference call (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33).

**Regarding claims 4 and 39,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one telephone call from the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-34).

**Regarding claims 5 and 40,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one telephone call from the given conference call host, wherein the telephone call is dialed to at least one pre-defined number provided to the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-34).

**Regarding claims 6, 35, and 41,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one telephone call from the given conference call host, wherein the telephone call is dialed to one of a plurality of pre-defined numbers provided to the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-34).

**Regarding claims 7, 30-33, and 42,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one telephone call from the given conference call host, wherein the

Art Unit: 2619

telephone call is dialed to a given pre-defined number associated with providing conferencing services (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-34).

**Regarding claims 8 and 43,** Felger discloses receiving at least one request includes analyzing a DNIS parameter associated with at least one telephone call from the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-34).

**Regarding claims 9, 27, 28, and 44,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a unique identifier associated with a device from which the given conference call host originates at least one communication (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 41-43).

**Regarding claims 10, 29, and 45,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a unique identifier associated with a wired handset from which the given conference call host originates at least one communication (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 41-43).

**Regarding claims 11 and 46,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a unique identifier associated with a wireless handset from which the given conference call host originates at least one communication (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 41-43).

**Regarding claims 12, 19, and 47,** Felger discloses obtaining data include obtaining data representing unique access information assigned to the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33, 49-56).

**Regarding claims 13, 21, and 48,** Felger discloses obtaining data includes obtaining data representing a telephone number dialed by the given conference call host (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33, and 49-56).

**Regarding claims 14 and 22,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a telephone number associated with a handset from which the given conference call host originates at least one communication (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33, 49-56).

**Regarding claims 15 and 24,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a unique identifier associated with a handset from which the given conference call host originates at least one telephone call (see Figs. 1 and 4, col. 14, lines 29-33, 49-56).

**Regarding claim 16,** Felger discloses obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving at least one signal from an **automatic number identification (ANI)** system that indicates a telephone number associated with a device from which the given conference call host originates at least one communication (see Figs. 1 and 2, col. 7, lines 44-55, and col. 8, lines 23-42).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Art Unit: 2619

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 18, 20, 23, 25, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,553,108 (hereinafter referred as "Felger") in view of US 2003/0140121 (hereinafter referred as "Adams").

**Regarding claims 18, 20, 23, 25, and 26,** Felger does not disclose receiving at least one signal representing an IP address associated with a network device from which the given conference call host originates a communication. However, Adams discloses receiving at least one signal representing an IP address associated with a network device from which the given conference call host originates a communication (see Fig. 1, paragraphs [0042], [0084]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the IP address teaching by Adams with Felger. The motivation for doing so would have been enable efficiently access multimedia information read paragraph [0010]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Adams and Felger to obtain the invention as specified in the claims 18, 20, 23, 25, and 26.

Art Unit: 2619

7. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,553,108 (hereinafter referred as "Felger") in view of US 2005/0020236 (hereinafter referred as "Mauney").

**Regarding claim 17**, Felger does not disclose at least one signal representing a mobile identification number (MIN) that is associated with a device. However, Mauney discloses at least one signal representing a mobile identification number (MIN) that is associated with a device (see Fig. s, paragraphs [0012], [0032]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine MIN teaching by Mauney with Felger. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide the query message is not received by other read on paragraph [0068]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Mauney and Felger to obtain the invention as specified in the claim 17.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claims 34 and 49-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Conclusion***

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phirin Sam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3082. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flexitime Policy (IFP) Program.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272 - 2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



Art Unit: 2619

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 12, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phirin Sam', written over a horizontal line.

**PHIRIN SAM  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**